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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP
INTELLIGENCE REPORT

COUNTRY Germany (Russian Zone)

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SUBJECT Production of Armored Vehicle Components
in Crossen/ElsterDIST. ²⁴ ~~XX~~ July 194

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1. The Crossener Stahlwerke (sic) at Crossen/Elster was, until six months ago, a small engineering works employing about 600 men. It has recently been enlarged with the construction of new buildings, and it now has 12,000 (sic) employees. At the beginning of 1947, the employers and workers were pledged to secrecy and are now under the control of the MVD.

2. The following items are reported to be manufactured:

- a. 18mm armor plating for the supplementary armor plating of all types of armored vehicles.
- b. Double tracks for armored vehicles. If the outer track is damaged it is automatically thrown off, leaving the second track in place and in working order.
- c. Automatic ammunition supply system invented in the works, which is designed for mass production and can be fitted to all types of armored vehicles. By means of this system, eighteen rounds per minute can be supplied.
- d. An automatic aiming device, which is coupled to the automatic supply system and insures that all eighteen rounds are fired in the same direction as the first.

3. Finished productions from the Crossen plant are taken away in Red Army trucks.

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